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IN 22 AUGUST, EDITORIAL, TANZ. GOVT. CONTROLLED DAILY NEWS
COMMENTED ON UK-US POSITION REGARDING ARMY OF INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE.

FULL TEXT FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT

THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN AFFIRMATION OF THE FACT THAT THE
FIGHTERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, ZIPA, WILL BE THE ARMY OF
INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE IS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE.

BECAUSE OF LACK OF CLARITY OR DELIBERATE DISTORTION AND
MISREPRESENTATION OF WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED UPON, A LITTLE
CONFUSION EXISTED ON THE QUESTION OF WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
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THE DEFENCE OF INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE ONCE SMITH IS GONE.

AT THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN LONDON, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE
SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN ISSUE, EVEN IN THE EVENT OF IT BEING
SETTLED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, MUST ENTAIL THE REMOVAL NOT ONLY OF
SMITH BUT OF HIS ARMED FORCES AS WELL.

BRITAIN AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH ACCEPTED THAT POSITION
AND THE CONFIRMATION SHE HAS MADE TOGETHER WITH THE AMERICAN GOVER-

NMENT SHOULD SERVE TO REMOVE WHATEVER CONFUSION EXISTED OVER THE ISSUE.

NOW, ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE SEARCH FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM ARE AGREED THAT THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN FIGHTING A GUERRILLA WAR AGAINST SMITH' S FORCES WILL CONSTITUTE THE ARMY OF INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE.

IT IS PERHAPS NECESSARY TO POINT OUT THAT THIS IS NOT THE SAME THING AS SAYING THAT INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE WILL BE GOVERNED POLITICALLY BY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

WHAT KIND OF GOVERNMENT WILL GOVERN ZIMBABWE, HOW MANY POLITICAL PARTIES THERE WILL BE AND SO ON AND SO FORTH ARE MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE PEOPLE CONCERNED. THEY WILL BE DEALT WITH IN TIME AND MUCH MORE MEANINGFULLY WHEN SMITH AND HIS FORCES ARE REPLACED BY FORCES THAT WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE.

TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES, THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE ARE FIGHTING. THEY ARE SUPPORTED BY THE FRONTLINE STATES, THE OAU, THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND PROGRESSIVE HUMANITY.

PRESIDENT CARTER OF THE UNITED STATES HAS ALSO PROCLAIMED HIS SUPPORT FOR MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE AND INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO USE HIS CONSIDERABLE POWER TO ATTAIN THE SAME OBJECTIVES.

THE GROUND HAS THEREFORE BEEN SET FOR ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO GET TOGETHER AND DISCUSS HOW TO REMOVE SMITH AND HIS FORCES AND REPLACE THEM WITH A GOVERNMENT AND AN ARMY OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE. END TEXT.

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